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FOR NEA/PAB SCHIFFERDECKER FROM RAU

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SUBJ: SEIZED OPIUM, AFGHANISTAN

1. PLEASE PASS FOLLOWING MESSAGE TO KENT, MALLINCKRODT
INC, ST. LOUIS, MO

QUOTE MINISTER RETURNED FEBRUARY 22. KAZEMI AND I MET WITH
HIM FEBRUARY 23 JUST AFTER HE HAD MET WITH RUSSIAN DELEGATION.
THE RUSSIANS MADE AN OFFER ON A FIXED PRICE PER UNIT MORPHINE
BASIS REGARDLESS OF THE NUMBER OF MORPHINE UNITS PER KILO.
A COMMITTEE IS EVALUATING OUR SLIDING SCALE OFFER VERSUS
THE RUSSIAN FIXED PRICE OFFER. IF THE COMMITTEE DECIDES ON
THE SLIDING SCALE BASIS, WE WILL GET THE CONTRACT.
MINISTER SAID WE COULD BID ON THE FIXED PRICE BASIS IF WE
WISHED. BID SHOULD BE IN UAAP, BY FEBRUARY 25, IF POSSIBLE.
IF YOU DO DECIDE TO MAKE A F.P. BID, SEND IT THROUGH THE
WASHINGTON STATE DEPARTMENT TO MR. RAU WHO WILL TRANSMIT IT
TO THE MINISTER.
DECISION SUPPOSED TO BE MADE THIS WEEK.
I AM LEAVING KABUL 0815 AND ARRIVING GENEVA AT 1640
ON FEBRUARY 24 ON IRAN AIR 717.
ARIANA NOT INTERESTED IN TURKEY SHIPMENT.
SIGNED G. GERFER. UNQUOTE

2. VIEW POSSIBLE COMMERCIAL DELAYS, SUGGEST YOU PASS
ANY RETURN MSG FROM MALLINCKRODT VIA EMBASSY KABUL.
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